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**The Florida House of Representatives Unanimously
Passes Reforms to the Florida Kidcare Program**

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida House of Representatives today unanimously passed CS/HB 89 to eliminate the 5-year waiting period for children of legal immigrants, making them immediately eligible to receive health care coverage through the Florida Kidcare Program.

"Our country is a place where, if you are legal citizen or resident, you should have the same opportunities as everyone else," said House Speaker Steve Crisafulli. "These children are here legally and should be able to access the same services as any other Florida family. I'm thankful for Representative Diaz's commitment to the passage of this legislation."

"By passing this important bill today, we are recognizing the families who have done the right thing and come to this country legally and ensuring that they immediately have access to the same services as all other Floridians. Thousands of children will now be able to receive the primary care they need, but could not otherwise afford," said Rep. Jose Felix Diaz (R-Miami-Dade County).

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